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MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING OF THE USIB ELINT COMMITTEE
Held in Director's Conference Room, Administration Building, CIA

Colonel Charles P. Richman, USAF, Chairman
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PRESENT:

DEFENSE: Mr. Madison E. Mitchell

NSA:

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CIA:

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NSA

ARMY: Mr. Herbert W. Taylor

NAVY: Captain Frederick Welden

AIR FORCE: Lt. Colonel Charles D. Fisher
(for Colonel William F. Scott)

JOINT STAFF: Colonel Thomas L. Fisher, USAF
(for Colonel George E. Perry, USAF)

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Colonel Chas. M. Townsend, USAF

ALSO PRESENT:

NSA:

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NSA

CIA:

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ARMY:

Arnie L. Millican, Lt. Col., USAR (Ret.)

NAVY:

Commander Frederick W. Hitz
Lt. Commander Harry B. Pitcher
Mr. Roy Adolfson

SECRETARIAT:

Major Alva H. May, USAF

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SUBJECT NUMBER

5.3/77
USIB-EE-*5.2/77* Item 1 on the Agenda for the Twenty-fifth Meeting of
of the ELINT Committee, held on 4 February 1960.

Subject: Approval of the Minutes of the Twenty-fourth Meeting.

PROBLEM:

To approve the Minutes which had been submitted to the Members.

DECISION: (4 February 1960)

The Minutes of the Twenty-fourth Meeting were unanimously approved.

ACTION FOR U. S. INTELLIGENCE BOARD:

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USIB-EE-~~9.1/10~~
~~9.9/10~~ Item 2 on the Agenda for the Twenty-fifth Meeting
of the ELINT Committee, held 4 February 1960.

Subject:

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& NSA 25X1

PROBLEM:

To determine a course of Committee action in order to meet its responsibilities in [REDACTED]

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DISCUSSION:

& NSA 25X1

The NSA Member reported for the working group which had been appointed at the last meeting. He noted that progress was being made on the revision recommended in the [REDACTED] report and anticipated it would be ready for Committee consideration at the next regular meeting.

DECISION:

To defer for consideration at the next regular meeting pending receipt of contribution from the NSA/Army working group.

ACTION FOR THE U. S. INTELLIGENCE BOARD:

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USIB-EE-~~9.4/28~~
~~9.3/26~~ Items 3 and 4 on the Agenda for the Twenty-fifth Meeting
of the ELINT Committee, held on 4 February 1960.

Subject: ELINT Priority Requirements List.

PROBLEM:

To determine Committee action needed to develop a list of ELINT requirements consistent with newly revised Board PNIO's.

DISCUSSION:

The Members decided to combine items 3 and 4 of the agenda which dealt with ELINT objectives list and ELINT requirements list respectively. Henceforth, these will be treated as one subject with such general definition as is decided by the Committee. The aim is to produce a list of ELINT requirements in priority order which will serve as guidance to the ELINT collection effort, taking into account collection capabilities and needs of the community.

The Members discussed in detail various approaches to the problem and the most expeditious means of meeting the target date of 15 March which was established by USIB.

A general framework of progressive steps was outlined as general guidance. Starting with the new PNIO's, this involved:

- a. Translate PNIO's into ELINT objectives (considering ELINT capabilities).
- b. Breakdown intelligence requirements into specific questions (EEI's) capable of solution to satisfy needs.
- c. Develop collection requirements needed to fulfill these EEI's.
- d. Develop specific tasking instructions to subordinate elements.

It was recognized that contributions and collaboration could be sought from other elements of the community such as PAG, JCS on unified commands, consumers, etc.

The Members agreed to form an ad hoc group chaired by CIA to get on with the problem in order to meet the Board deadline.

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9.3/28 (ITEMS 3 AND 4 CONT'D)

DECISION: (4 February 1960)

To refer the matter to an ad hoc committee chaired by CIA, which is to meet as frequently as is necessary in order to resolve the problem by the established deadline. Members will advise [REDACTED] CIA, Chairman of the ad hoc group, (Code 163, Extension 4089) of the names of their representatives. 25X1A9a

The ad hoc group to make an informal interim report at the next regular meeting.

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USIB-EE-5./27 Item 6 on the Agenda for the Twenty-fifth Meeting of the ELINT Committee, held on 4 February 1960.

Subject: Committee Fulfillment of its Objectives and Obligations.

PROBLEM:

To review the status of the Committee's fulfillment of its objectives and obligations as delineated in DCID No. 6/2, and to determine further actions required.

DISCUSSION:

In a general discussion, the Members recognized that a clear-cut course of action to approach the problem would have to be agreed upon before the Committee could proceed. This was particularly true in the case of paragraph 3d of DCID 6/2 in order to agree on a program for evaluating the level of ELINT competence against desired targets. It was also recognized that the ELINT requirements list which the Committee is to produce would have definite bearing on the subject.

Several of the Members indicated that they had been giving some thought to the problem within their organizations. There was some consideration of a standing sub-committee, but on the Chairman's recommendation, it was agreed to initially appoint an ad hoc group to recommend ways and means for Committee consideration. It was agreed that such a group would be chaired by the Joint Staff Member, with participation initially from NSA, CIA and Defense.

DECISION: (4 February 1960)

To appoint an ad hoc committee to develop a plan for Committee consideration proposing an approach for solution of the problem *OF THE EVALUATION*
CALLING FOR IN PARAGRAPH 3D OF DCID NO. 6/2.

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SECRETARY'S NOTES:

1. The Twenty-fifth Meeting, 4 February 1960, came to order at 0930.
2. The next regular meeting will be held on 18 February at 0930 at the usual time and place.
3. The meeting adjourned at 1215.

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